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1. The Confederacion General de Trabajadores (CGT), which has its headquarters at Calle San Francisco 86h, Santiago, Chile, is of a decidedly anarchistic tendency and opposes the Communist as well as all other political parties. Though adopting a more lenient attitude toward the present than toward previous governments, there is reason to believe that this has been due to CGT approval of the repressive measures taken against the Communist Party of Chile. There is also evidence that the CGT leaders believe that the breaking of Communist control of many labor unions will eventually rebound to the benefit of the CGT.

 The CGT, which is active only in the Santiago and Valparaiso districts, is calculated to have a membership of 5,800 laborers. The membership breakdown is approximately as follows:

Federacion del Cuero y Calsado (Federation of	Members		
Leather and Shoe Workers)	4,200		
Federacion de Obreros Graficos (Federation of Print Shop Workers)	1,200		
Federacion de la Construccion (Federation of Construction Workers)	400		

3. The National Council of the CGT is as follows:

Secretary General Sub-Secretary Recording Secretary Treasurer Secretary of Sports and Culture

Technical Adviser

Alberto Espinoza S.
Luis Vasquez Ordenes
Ernesto Miranda Rivas
Abraham Dias T.
Hernan Cubillos Cubillos;
Santiago Jeldres
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h. Although provision is made in the by-laws of the CGT for the formation of councils on the provincial and city level, it is reported that the only other actively functioning CGT council is that of Cantiago Province.

This council is composed of the following:

Secretary General
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Secretary of Correspondence
Press Secretary
Public Felations Secretary
Secretary of Farm Worker Organization

(fnu) Vasquez Ordenes
Antonio Valdes
Juan Tupper
Carlos Lopez
Luciano Morgada Bassaez
Hernan Gastro Olivares
Jose Chaves Maureira;
Manuel Apuilera Apuilera

5. Outstanding CCT labor agitators are:

Pedro Polasco Arratia Urrutia, a printina shop laborer Pedro Huiquinir

ledro Ortuzar

Julio Zamorano

- 6. The majority of the members of the Federation of Leather and Shoe Workers and of the Federation of Print Shop Porkers have reportedly joined these CGT affiliates because they work for firms employing less laborers than the twenty-five required to form a legally recognized union. However, some of the members of these CGT affiliates are known to be employed by large firms in which unions affiliated to the Confederation de Trabajadores de Chile (Confederation of Laborers of Chile CTCH) are active.
- 7. Though CCT influence in the field of organized Chilean labor is small because of its comparatively low membership, which is mainly concentrated in non-vital industries, nevertheless, it is significant that the unusually good discipline of CCT members has reportedly enabled this organization to win every strike which it has undertaken. Although violently opposed to Communism per se and criticizing as inept and insufficient the labor activities of both the Communist and Socialist CTCH factions, the CCT has frequently cooperated with the CTCH on purely labor matters.

